

Before The  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES  
GLOBAL RESELLER EXPEDITED PACKAGE CONTRACTS 2  
(MC2013-51 AND CP2013-64)  
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket No. CP2018-308

**NOTICE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF EXTENSION OF A  
GLOBAL RESELLER EXPEDITED PACKAGE CONTRACTS 2  
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT**  
(January 14, 2020)

The United States Postal Service (Postal Service) hereby provides notice of an extension until April 30, 2020, of the Global Reseller Expedited Package Contracts 2 agreement (Agreement) that is the subject of this docket. The Agreement is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2020.<sup>1</sup> However, Article 11(3) of the Agreement states that

[a]t the discretion of the USPS and subject to Article 23 Conditions Precedent, as well as official notification by the USPS to the Postal Regulatory Commission at least seven (7) days prior to the expiration date of this Agreement, the USPS may, prior to the expiration date of this Agreement, provide notice to the Reseller in accordance with Article 29 that this Agreement has been extended for up to an additional three (3) months, with the option for the USPS to extend this Agreement for a second additional three (3) months, and the USPS reserves the right to adjust the duration of such extension, depending on the effective date, if any, of a successor agreement with the Reseller.<sup>2</sup>

In Order No. 5253, the Commission stated

[t]he Modification contains a provision that allows the Postal Service to extend the Existing Agreement for two three-month periods if the

<sup>1</sup> PRC Order No. 5253, Order Approving Modification One to Global Reseller Expedited Package Services 2 Negotiated Service Agreement, Docket No. CP2018-308, September 26, 2019, at 3. (See also concerning Modification Two, PRC Order No. 5254, Order Approving Modifications to International Negotiated Service Agreements, Docket No. CP2018-308, September 26, 2019.)

<sup>2</sup> See Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Modification Two to Global Reseller Expedited Package 2 Negotiated Service Agreement, Docket No. CP2018-308, September 23, 2019, Attachment 1, at 1.

Commission is notified at least seven days prior to the contract's expiration date. *Id.* The Commission finds the two potential three-month extension periods reasonable because the extension(s) should assist the Postal Service's contract negotiations by providing additional flexibility.<sup>3</sup>

Furthermore, as background, in Order No. 4866, the Commission stated the following.

The Postal Service may activate an extension clause in a contract by filing notice with the Commission at least seven days prior to the contract's expiration date.[] Because such extensions were approved as part of the contract as originally reviewed, the Commission does not take further action on such notices. In the rare situation where the Postal Service is unable to file the notice at least seven days prior to the contract's expiration date, the Postal Service must file a motion for late acceptance specifying the circumstances justifying the delay.<sup>4</sup>

Thus, the Postal Service hereby notifies the Commission of an extension until April 30, 2020, of the agreement that is the subject of this docket in order to maintain continuity of pricing and other terms and conditions of the agreement. The Postal Service requests that the Commission continue to list the agreement that is the subject of this docket in the Mail Classification Schedule through April 30, 2020.

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<sup>3</sup> PRC Order No. 5253, at 3.

<sup>4</sup> PRC Order No. 4866, Order Approving Modifications and Providing Guidance Regarding Extending Negotiated Service Agreements, Docket Nos. CP2017-253, CP2017-259, CP2017-306, and CP2018-4, October 30, 2018, at 3-4.

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